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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SENDS TELEX TO SECRETARY
WARNING AGAINST "MUNICH TYPE" AGREEMENT WITH PRC

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A TELEX SENT TO SECRETARY VANCE ON JULY 20 BY THE TAIPEI AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: QUOTE:

SECRETARY VANCE,

IN VIEW OF YOUR UPCOMING TRIP TO PEKING, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN TAIWAN FOR THE WAY NEGOTIATIONS FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY OUR STATE DEPARTMENT, AND TO WARN AGAINST THE IRREPARABLE HARM WHICH COULD BE DONE TO OUR COUNTRY'S IMAGE IF YOU WERE TO ARRIVE AT A "MUNICH TYPE" AGREEMENT IN PEKING.

IN THE VIEW OF SOME, SUCH AN AGREEMENT MAY BUY "PEACE IN OUR TIME", BUT IN OUR VIEW, IT WILL ONLY DEGRADE THE IMAGE OF THE UNITED STATES AND RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A VALUABLE ALLY, WHILE PROVIDING ONLY QUESTIONABLE GAINS FOR THE U.S. WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO TAIWAN TODAY, REMINDS ONE OF THE FATE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1938. WE HOPE OUR COUNTRY HAS LEARNED FROM HISTORY, AND THAT IT HAS THE

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MORAL FORTITUDE TO RESIST THIS TYPE OF EXPEDIENT SOLUTION.

OUR CONCERN FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION STEMS FROM OUR OPINION THAT THE COMMUNIST CHINESE HAVE, UP TO THIS POINT, CLEARLY OUT-NEGOTIATED OUR REPRESENTATIVES. THIS IS BORNE OUT BY THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE COMMUNIST CHINESE SEEM TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONVINCED THE PUBLIC THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE

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SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE ARE:
A. WITHDRAWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION FROM TAIWAN.
B. REMOVAL OF ALL U.S. TROOPS FROM TAIWAN.
C. ABROGATION OF THE US-ROC MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY.
IN FACT, THESE ARE NOT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, THEY ARE ONLY THE DEMANDS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

2. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE TAKEN A FIRM STAND IN DEMANDING THAT THE BASIS FOR AGREEMENT BE IN LINE WITH THEIR DEMANDS, AND HAVE CREATED THE ILLUSION THAT IT IS THE U.S. WHO IS DELAYING PROGRESS BY NOT LIVING UP TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE; PRINCPLES BEING DEFINED IN THEIR TERMS.

3. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE MANEUVERED THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE, INTO CONTINUALLY GOING TO THE CHINESE COURT FOR NEGOTIATIONS. BUT, NEVER ONCE HAS A CHINESE OFFICIAL OF COMPARABLE POSITION COME TO THE U.S. CAPITAL. THIS GIVES THE CHINESE A FEELING OF SUPERIORITY AND PUTS OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN A DISADVANTAGEOUS NEGOTIATING POSITION.

4. THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN PUBLICLY ADMITTING THAT THE CULMINATION OF AN AGREEMENT IS OF SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE, HAS WEAKENED ITS OWN BARGAINING POSITION.
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THE AMERICAN CHAMBER EMPHASIZES THAT WE DO NOTIWBJECT TO IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS LONG AS IT IS CLEARLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE UNITED STATES, AND NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF TAIWAN. IN OUR OPINION, THE SELLING OUT OF A COUNTRY WHICH HAS NOT ONLY BEEN A LONG TERM ALLY, BUT WHICH IS ALSO A LIVING EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE U.S. WOULD LIKE DEVELOPING NATIONS TO MAKE OF THEMSELVES, WOULD BE A DEPLORABLE ACT ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES. IT COULD ONLY BE LIKENED TO NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S SELLING OUT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1938.
MR. SECRETARY, WE AGAIN REQUEST THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPELL OUT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHAT ADVANTAGES THERE ARE TO THE U.S. IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND HOW THESE WEIGHT AGAINST WHAT WE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE UP TO OBTAIN SUCH AN AGREEMENT.
WE FRANKLY CANNOT SEE ANY ADVANTAGES TO OUR COUNTRY WHICH WOULD BE WORTH OUR MEETING THE THREE CONDITIONS DEMANDED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS. WE FEEL THAT COMMUNIST CHINA HAS MORE TO GAIN FROM NORMALIZATION THAN DOES THE U.S., AND THAT SKILLFUL NEGOTIATING ON OUR PART WILL PERMIT US TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT WITH HONOR. IT MAY NOT BE DONE QUICKLY, BUT THEN WHY HURRY? THAT

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WOULD ONLY BE PLAYING INTO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS' HANDS.

UNQUOTE

2. COPIES OF TELEX WERE GIVEN TO PRESS MORNING OF JULY 21 AND IT WAS PUBLISHED IN MAJOR TAIPEI NEWSPAPERS THAT AFTER-NOON AND IN MORNING PAPERS JULY 22. ACCORDING TO CHAMBER SPOKESMAN, COPIES WILL BE SENT TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, TO HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS KNOWN OU BE SYMPATHETIC TO ROC, AND TO SELECTED U.S. NEWSPAPERS AND COLUMNISTS.

3. SPOKESMAN ALSO STATED THAT CHAMBER RECEIVED JULY 21 LETTER SIGNED BY VALERIO L. GIANNINI ON BEHALF OF THE
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PRESIDENT. CHAMBER GAVE COPY OF THAT LETTER TO PRESS JULY 22.
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